

a rubber pouch around said inflatable tube forming a covering layer;

an inorganic lubricant between said tube and said covering layer;

a reinforced layer adhered on the outer surface of the covering layer with a solution of an adhesive agent wherein the covering layer is of a material which does not permit the solution of the adhesive agent to pass through the covering layer, and

an outer layer on the outer surface of said reinforced layer.

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2 ~~12~~. The sports ball of claim ~~11~~, wherein said rubber pouch contains said inorganic lubricant to dispose the lubricant between said tube and said covering layer.

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3 ~~13~~. The sports ball of claim ~~11~~, wherein the surface of said inflatable tube has the inorganic lubricant spread thereon to dispose said inorganic lubricant between said tube and said covering layer.

4 ~~14~~. The sports ball of claim ~~11~~, wherein the surface of said inflatable tube has a suspension of said inorganic lubricant spread thereover to dispose said inorganic lubricant between said tube and said covering layer.

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~~15~~. The sports ball of claim ~~11~~¹, wherein said reinforced layer comprises cloth pieces attached on the surface of said covering layer by the solution of the adhesive agent.

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~~16~~. The sports ball of claim ~~12~~², wherein said reinforced layer comprises cloth pieces attached on the surface of said covering layer by the solution of the adhesive agent.

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~~17~~. The sports ball of claim ~~13~~³, wherein said reinforced layer comprises cloth pieces attached on the surface of said covering layer by the solution of the adhesive agent.

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~~18~~. The sports ball of claim ~~14~~⁴, wherein said reinforced layer comprises cloth pieces attached on the surface of said covering layer by the solution of the adhesive agent.

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~~19~~. The sports ball of claim ~~15~~⁵, wherein said reinforced layer is a string wound on the surface of said covering layer and is fixed on said surface by the solution of the adhesive agent.

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~~20~~. The sports ball of claim ~~16~~², wherein said reinforced layer is a string wound on the surface of said covering layer and is fixed on said surface by the solution of the adhesive agent.

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~~21~~. The sports ball of claim ~~13~~³, wherein said reinforced layer is a string wound on the surface of said covering layer and is fixed on said surface by the solution of the adhesive agent.

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~~22~~. The sports ball of claim ~~14~~⁴, wherein said reinforced layer is a string wound on the surface of said covering layer and is fixed on said surface by the solution of the adhesive agent.

REMARKS

A Substitute Specification is presented to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner and the place the language in better idiomatic form. The Specification includes a new title and corrections to the Abstract. A work copy of the original Specification showing the changes is not available since the Substitute Specification was prepared by the Japanese agent representing the inventors. A review of the Substitute Specification indicates that it does not contain any matter that is outside of the scope of the original Specification, or any new subject matter not known to persons of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains.

Copies of the two Japanese patent application First Publications Sho 58-29112 and Sho 56-13433 cited in the Specification are enclosed as requested by the Examiner.